

Our Dead.

FRIEND.—John Friend was born October 25, 1834 in Shelby county, Ohio, and moved with his parents to Miami county in the fall of 1842. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Himelick, Nov. 20, 1857; to this union were born 9 children, seven of whom survive him, 3 sons and 4 daughters. This union was severed by death January 14, 1878. He was again united in marriage with Mary J. Utter Nov. 1, 1878 and to this union were born 2 children one of whom survives him, and death again bereaved him of the companionship of his wife January 1, 1892.

He united with the Brethren church at New Highland August 23, 1891, under the ministry of Rev. D. A. Hopkins and remained steadfast in that faith until death called him away at the age of 61 years 9 months and 26 days.

The funeral occurred at the M. E. Church Perrysburg conducted by Rev. Hopkins and his body laid peacefully away in the presence of his sorrowing children and a sympathizing multitude.

KEIS.—Mary, youngest child of George and Mary Kels was born March 8, and died Aug. 15, 1896, being over 5 months old. Funeral services were held at their home in Morelleville, and the little form laid to rest in the Benshoof's Hill cemetery. May the words of hope and comfort be precious to those that mourn.

EDWIN E. HASKINS.

Johnstown, Pa.

CRUELTY TO FRIGHTENED CHILDREN.

Happy those little ones who have ever near them loving arms, within whose magic circle the oncoming of the cruel fit of terror is instantly checked, giving place to a delicious calm.

How unhappy those children must be who, timid and fearsome by nature, lack this refuge—who are left much alone to wrestle with their horrors as best they may, and are rudely repulsed when they bear their heart quakings to others—I would not venture to say. Still less would I care to suggest what is suffered by those unfortunates who find in those about them not comfort, assurance, support in their fearsome moments, but the worst source of terror. To be brutal to these small, sensitive organisms, to practice on their terrors, to take delight in exciting the wild stare and wilder shriek of terror, this is perhaps one of the strange things which make one believe in the old doctrine that the devil can enter into men and women. For here we seem to have to do with a

form of cruelty so exquisite, so contrary to the oldest of instincts, that it is dishonoring to the savage and to the lower animals to attempt to refer it to heredity.

To dwell on such things however, would be to go back to a pessimistic view of childhood. It is undeniable that children are exposed to indescribable misery when they are delivered into the hands of a consummately cruel mother or nurse. Yet, one may hope that this sort of person is exceptional—something of which we can give no account save by saying that now and again, in sport, nature produces a monster, as if to show what she could do if she did not choose more wisely and benignly to work within the limitations of type.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

Life is continually weighing us in very sensitive scales, and telling every one of us precisely what his real weight is, to the last grain of dust.—*James Russell Lowell.*

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